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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-16, without prejudice, and amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for monitoring the effects of a plurality of pathology differentiating agents on a sample, comprising: